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Superstore

Ceiling collapses at grocery store

One person was taken to hospital Sunday night following a ceiling collapse at a north-side grocery store.

Crews were called around 5 p.m. to the Superstore on 137th Avenue near 123 Street.

The fake ceiling over the deli area fell down on several employees, apparently after a water pipe burst and weakened the ceiling.

Fire officials said the incident could have been worse, but the ceiling didn't fall completely because it was stopped by the deli counter and oven.

The person who was taken to hospital was transported only as a precaution. **METRO**

Snow clearing

Parking ban lifted as graders move on

After a weekend-long parking ban, city graders will now move into residential neighbourhoods starting Monday.

The ban was imposed last Friday at 7 a.m., after an unexpected storm dropped as much as 16 cm of snow on the city Wednesday.

Not all drivers followed the rules for a seasonal parking ban and the city handed out 271 tickets and towed 32 vehicles.

The residential blading aims to bring the snow pack down to below five cm and will take place 24 hours a day over at least the next week.

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A fire truck blocks off a road around a northeast Edmonton industrial park after a large leak of hydrochloric acid at a facility on Sunday. RYAN TUMILTY/METRO

Chemical spill leads to evacuation

Hazard. Crews clean up after hydrochloric acid leak Sunday

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Fire crews evacuated a large industrial park in northeast Edmonton Sunday following a large leak of hydrochloric acid.

The leak was called in shortly after 10 a.m. and two hazmat teams, several fire crews and police were all called in to evacuate and close down the area north of

Quoted

"It is pretty cold out here and our crews are in rubber suits to make the entry, so there are a lot of thermal issues."

Deputy fire Chief John Lamb on the challenges of cleaning up Sunday's chemical spill in the cold.

the Yellowhead between 17th and 33 streets.

Deputy fire Chief John Lamb said luckily the leak at Panther Industries was contained, but the evacuation was necessary because of the highly corrosive nature of the chemical.

"We have ensured there is minimal risk to the public and we are continuing to make sure the scene is stabil-

ized," said Lamb.

He added that the chilling temperatures, down below -18 C, along with a lack of people in the area helped minimize the danger

"It is a light industrial area and thank god it is Sunday — there are not a lot of folks working."

Lamb said there were six 100,000-litre tanks on the property and they were sur-

rounded with a containment berm. Most of the leaked chemical was contained in the area, but some spilled outside that berm.

Some of the chemical vaporized and Lamb said those clouds can be dangerous, but in this case no one was in harm's way.

"It is an acid and it is corrosive and it would damage your lungs if you breathed it in," he said.

He said the cold made the incident a bit of a challenge for firefighters.

Crews were expected to be cleaning up the site for several hours on Sunday, before turning it back over to the company.

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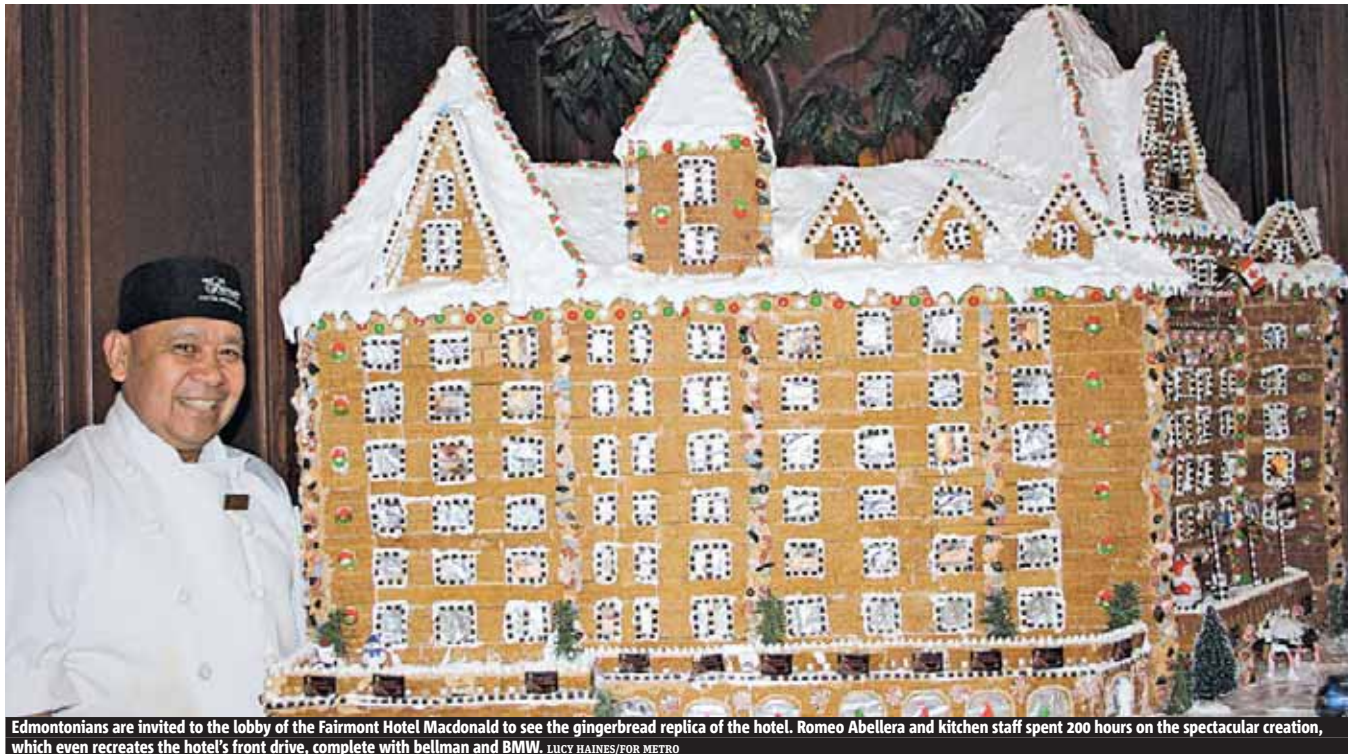
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Edmontonians are invited to the lobby of the Fairmont Hotel Macdonald to see the gingerbread replica of the hotel. Romeo Abellera and kitchen staff spent 200 hours on the spectacular creation, which even recreates the hotel's front drive, complete with bellman and BMW. LUCY HAINES/FOR METRO

Tinsel town. More dazzling displays



Nativity scenes by the dozen are on sale at Ten Thousand Villages on Whyte Avenue. LUCY HAINES/FOR METRO

Ten Thousand Villages
Dozens of Nativity scenes from Peru, India, Haiti, Niger and other developing countries are among the handmade items at Ten Thousand Villages on Whyte Avenue. And while traditional olive-wood sets from the Middle East remain a favourite, artists have fashioned figures from soapstone, metal and even gourds.

Fort Edmonton Park
At the park's Christmas Reflections festival, visitors take a horse-and-wagon ride through turn-of-the-century streets, stopping to hear costumed carollers while enjoying a fresh-baked cookie and hot chocolate or cider. This year, one of the shop windows is a tribute to carvers and a horse from the park carousel, while another displays artifacts of winter sports of old.

The Enjoy Centre
Check out the sea of red poinsettias (and some pink and white ones, too!) at the greenhouse at the Enjoy Centre — some 20,000 in all.
LUCY HAINES/FOR METRO

Seasonal glitter spreads cheer

All the trimmings. On Day 3 of Metro's 12 Days of Christmas, we look at some of Edmonton's most fabulously festive displays

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Have you ever made a gingerbread house during the holiday season — a few squares of cookie glued together

with icing, and covered with as many candies and gumies as the roof could bear?

Chef Andrew Ihasz and the culinary team at the Fairmont Hotel Macdonald have made a gingerbread house, too, but it's ... bigger.

So big, in fact, that the creation, a replica of the hotel, couldn't fit in the service elevator. Instead, it had to be walked along Jasper Avenue to get it from the kitchen to the lobby.

"A lot of pride and love went into making that," said Lana Uytterhagen, director

Gingerbread hotel

"I've made a gingerbread house for hotels in Dubai and Jasper, but none this big and with this much detail."

Romeo Abellera, on the showstopper on display in the lobby of the Fairmont Hotel Macdonald.

of sales and marketing at the hotel, adding that the only goal for the roughly five-foot-wide and three-foot-high confection was for people to see and enjoy it. "It was all volunteer work by kitchen staffers with a passion for it."

Engineers spent 25 hours with four sheets of plywood to build the structure. After that, Romeo Abellera and other kitchen employees took 200 hours to add the details: A leaf of gelatin for a frosted window, and glossy meringue peaks to mimic a

snow-covered roof. Abellera even recreated the main-floor banquet hall, guest bedrooms and the hotel's front drive, complete with bellman and BMW.

And let's not forget the humongous batch of gingerbread baked for the base, which took 25 kilograms of flour, 10 kilograms of icing sugar, 12 kilograms of brown sugar, eight litres of honey and two of molasses.

A tip from Abellera: Don't try this at home — unless you've got an industrial-size mixing bowl.

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Writers get a chance to sharpen their skills

Doubling up. Two Writers in Residence in 2013 allow for partnership with regional libraries



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If there's one thing outgoing Writer in Residence (WIR) Jocelyn Brown learned at the Edmonton Public Library this year, it's how many wordsmiths there are in the city.

"I've gained awareness of how many people are writing in Edmonton, and how many people are writing well," Brown said Sunday during her last workshop as WIR.

Due to growing demand for the program, which provides consultations, readings and talks for both aspiring and established writers, it is being revamped for 2013 to include two Metro Edmonton Federation of Libraries Writers in Residence.

Omar Mouallem will be based at the Stanley A. Milner branch, while Natasha Deen will spend time at libraries in St. Albert, Strathcona County and Fort Saskatchewan.

Mouallem recently left Avenue Magazine after nearly five years to freelance, expand his byline and work on books.

As a WIR, he plans on providing insight into creative non-fiction writing, as well as the growth and importance of digital literacy through Facebook, Twitter and blogging.



Edmonton-based writers Natasha Deen and Omar Mouallem were named the 2013 Metro Edmonton Federation of Libraries Writers in Residence at an Edmonton Public Library workshop at The Carrot Community Arts Coffeehouse on Sunday. HEATHER MCINTYRE/METRO

"The beauty of the Writer in Residence program ... is it not only allows the writer that's chosen to help strengthen the local writing community and also embolden aspiring writers, but also strengthens the Writer in Residence himself or herself," said Mouallem.

Deen, a multi-published romance author dabbling in other genres, said she received a lot of support starting out and wanted to pay it forward.

"That was one of the

things I wanted to do in 2013, was just really help to set up a collaboration, a sort of unified whole," she said.

The two also plan to partner up to help writers of all experience and ages — those who are sure of their work and also those who aren't.

"It's a perfect way to get encouragement, and everyone needs encouragement and feedback from writing," said Brown. "I think people write in seclusion too much."

EPL—and beyond

- **Always working.** The Writers in Residence spend half their time on library programs and projects, and the other half on personal writing projects.
- **Various branches.** Other WIR programs in the city are at the University of Alberta, MacEwan University, Happy Harbour Comics, Latitude 53 and more.

Timeline

Past Writers in Residence:

- **2012 — Jocelyn Brown.** The former creative writing instructor, theatre costumer and children's clothing designer has written a lot about Edmonton's character.
- **2011 — Marty Chan.** With experience in television, radio, theatre and children's fiction, Chan is a quadruple threat. He also served as the Citadel Theatre's first playwright-in-residence.
- **2010 — Chris Craddock.** Craddock has written or co-written more than 20

plays, as well as musicals and two feature films.

- **2009 — Connie Massing.** With credits in theatre, film, television and radio, Massing's latest work is a book-length memoir about road trips.
- **2008 — Marilyn Dumont.** Dumont has had three collections of poetry published, some of it widely in Canadian literary anthologies.
- **2007 — Linda Goyette.** The former reporter has written a number of stories about Alberta, including Edmonton In Our Own

Words, and Kidmonton: True Stories of River City Kids.

- * Budget cuts did now allow for the WIR program from 1992 through 2006.
- **1991 — Helen Forrester.** Her real name was June Bhatia, but her pen name had her known for more than a dozen books, including the 1974 memoir *Twopenny to Cross the Mersey*, which was turned into a musical. She died in 2011.
- **1990 — Candace Jane Dorsey.** Starting out as a freelance writer, Dorsey

is most known as a poet and science fiction writer. She also teaches, and does workshops and readings.

- **1989 — Martin Godfrey.** Godfrey won an award during his stint with the EPL after years of writing children's stories, which he became known for across the country and worldwide. He died in 2000.
- **1988 — Monica Hughes.** A renowned writer for young adults, Hughes has written more than 30 books and won many awards. She is perhaps best known for her *Isis* trilogy novels.

Pipeline. Docs show review was influenced by oil industry: Greenpeace

A review of pipeline safety commissioned by the Alberta government after a series of high-profile accidents was heavily influenced by industry and designed more to quiet public concern than improve the system, say Greenpeace campaigners.

They say documents obtained under Freedom of Information legislation suggest the terms of the review were OK'd in advance by pipeline-company officials.

"There's a difference between talking to industry and asking for their approval," said Greenpeace energy spokesman Keith Stewart. "It looks like industry got to

Oil spills

The Alberta government asked for the technical safety review last summer following three pipeline-related spills.

- **Red Deer River.** In one of those spills, a Plains Midstream Canada pipeline leaked about 475,000 litres of oil into the Red Deer River, a major drinking-water source for central Alberta.

write the terms for this review." **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Recurring illness

Chavez in Cuba for cancer treatment

Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez, 58, was heading back to Cuba on Sunday for more cancer surgery after announcing that the illness returned despite two previous treatments, chemotherapy and radiation.



Hugo Chavez **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

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Mandela in hospital as his party faces leadership crisis



Former South African President Nelson Mandela leaves a chapel after attending the funeral of his great-granddaughter in Johannesburg in 2010. South African President Jacob Zuma says that Mandela has been admitted to hospital in Pretoria to undergo tests. SIPHIWE SIBEKO/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE

Fighting spirit.

Former South African president, 94, has battled tuberculosis, prostate cancer

Inside a Catholic church that once served as a major rallying point for anti-apartheid activists, the image of a grey-suited Nelson Mandela appears in a stained-glass window that also features angels and the cross.

Worshippers here prayed Sunday for the hospitalized 94-year-old former president, who remains almost a secular saint and a father figure to many in South Africa, a nation

Leading by example

"When you have someone that's willing to lead by example like he did, it makes things easier for people to follow."

Church-goer Thabile Manana

of 50 million people that has Africa's top economy.

Mandela's admission to the hospital this weekend for unspecified medical tests sparked screaming newspaper headlines and ripples of fear in the public that the frail leader is fading further away.

And as his African National Congress political party stands ready to pick its leader, who likely will be the nation's next president, some believe governing-party politicians have abandoned Mandela's integrity and magnanimity in a seemingly unending string of corruption scandals. That leaves many wondering who can lead the country the way the ailing Mandela once did.

On Saturday, the office of President Jacob Zuma announced Mandela had been admitted to a Pretoria hospital for medical tests and care that was "consistent for his age." Zuma visited Mandela on Sunday morning at the hospital and found the former leader to be "comfortable and in good care," presidential spokesman Mac Maharaj said in a statement. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

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Winnipegger's new life includes happy children, bullet-riddled homes

Middle East. Young woman says both sides in conflict just want to live in peace

AMANDA THORSTEINSSON
For Metro in Winnipeg

For Emma Bergen, 19, the hardest part of visiting a Palestinian refugee camp is seeing the bullet holes piercing the walls and doors of the homes of the young children with whom she works.

"It didn't occur to me that anyone would shoot at a family's home," said Bergen. "It's disturbing to know the children and their families have lived through house invasions and violence, and to see proof of it permanently in their doors and walls.

"It shocks me, because if someone can do this to a family's home, where does it end?"

About a month after graduating from Westgate Mennonite Collegiate in Winnipeg this past June, she moved with her family to Jerusalem.

Twice a week, Bergen leaves Jerusalem for Aida camp — a United Nations refugee camp in Bethlehem home to about 4,700 people squeezed into less than a square kilometre.

The camp has just one food-distribution centre, no health centres, and a single school. With no streetlights and sporadic electricity, refugees spend their nights in the dark.

But for Bergen, a children's



Emma Bergen, centre, at the children's centre in a Palestinian refugee camp, where she volunteers twice a week.

HANDOUT/METRO

centre within the camp is a place she has found joy and acceptance.

"I bring supplies like chalk, pastels, pencil crayons and paint, and together with the children, we colour, draw and trace.

"I love to be in the atmosphere where the children can be children," she said. "I feel accepted by them, and it shows in the way they pull me over to their parents and introduce me in Arabic."

The children are third- and fourth-generation refugees who have never known life outside the camp. Israelis have settled land in the West Bank that the Palestinians claim as theirs.

But Bergen hasn't witnessed bitterness or hate in the children with whom she works.

"The children are joyful and full of acceptance. They love

All along the watchtower

Drawing the line

While there's joy and laughter in the children's centre, more menacing things reveal themselves.

"Sometimes when I ask the children to draw something, they draw the wall," said Emma Bergen.

The wall refers to the 670-kilometre-long barrier Israel began constructing in 2002 in and around the occupied West Bank.

The Israeli government said the wall is necessary to protect its citizens from

Palestinian militants.

Palestinian friends tell Bergen the wall cuts them off from their farmland, water sources and family members.

It's something Bergen sees every day when she's at the camp. The wall, with a military watchtower overhead — is right outside the children's centre.

"You walk by and you know that you're being watched. You know someone is always looking down on you, and they think of you as a threat," she said.

"It feels demeaning."

AMANDA THORSTEINSSON/FOR METRO

to play and make friends," she said.

The children's centre where Bergen volunteers is the product of Palestinian parents who realized that refugee-camp life was stealing away childhood from their young ones.

One thing that helps Bergen cope with what she witnesses

in the camp is talking about her experiences with people on both sides of the fighting.

"There are a lot of Israelis who want a peaceful end to the conflict too," she said.

"I'm not even in this situation, and it gets me so angry. But they continue to strive for peace, and it's inspiring."

Quoted

"I've never heard a Palestinian person say they want to kick Israel off their land. They want to live together in peace." Emma Bergen, 19, who recently moved to Jerusalem with her family

Commitment key to bridge West Bank barrier



Emma Bergen stands with Salah Ajarma, a founder of the children's centre, at the entrance to the refugee camp. HANDOUT/METRO

Joanna and Dan Bergen moved with their two daughters from Wolseley to Jerusalem to work with Mennonite Central Committee (MCC) in July. They have committed to stay for a three-year term.

The couple oversees MCC's peace-building programs between Israeli and Palestinian people and poverty-reduction programs in Gaza and the West Bank.

Dan is on leave from teaching high school in the Winnipeg School Division and Joanna previously worked as MCC's HIV-AIDS program co-ordinator.

The recent surge in violent conflict between Hamas and Israel hasn't made them regret their decision to move.

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Hot zone

"The reality of working in Israel/Palestine is that things can 'flare up' at any time, and we knew that going in," said Joanna Bergen. "We don't feel any differently now than when we first agreed to live and work here."

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Residents affected by Typhoon Bopha crowd around as relief goods are distributed at New Bataan township, Compostela Valley, in the southern Philippines Sunday. BULLIT MARQUEZ/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Typhoon's death toll rises in the Philippines

Search and rescue.

After the storm slammed into the Philippines, hundreds are reported killed, many still missing

The number of people missing after a typhoon devastated parts of the southern Philippines jumped to nearly 900 after families and fishing companies reported losing contact with more than 300 fishermen at sea, officials said Sunday.

The fishermen from southern General Santos city and nearby Sarangani province left a few days before Typhoon Bopha hit the main southern island of Mindanao on Tuesday, triggering flash floods that killed more than 600, Civil Defence chief Benito Ramos said.

Ramos said the fishermen were headed to the Spratly Islands in the South China Sea and to the Pacific Ocean. He said there has been no contact from them for a week.

"We have declared them missing," he said. "Maybe they

are still alive."

Ramos said they may have sought shelter on the many small islands in the Spratlys and the Celebes Sea, and lost battery power and have not been able to call.

He said the coast guard, navy and fishing vessels have launched a search.

After slamming into the southern Philippines, the typhoon moved out to sea but then veered back toward the country's northwest on Saturday, prompting worries of more devastation. As of late Sunday, however, it had begun to dissipate and weaken into a low pressure area as it moved farther into the South China Sea, about 105 kilometres west of the Philippines' Ilocos Norte province.

Rescuers continued searching for bodies or signs of life under tons of fallen trees and boulders in the worst-hit town of New Bataan, where rocks, mud and other rubble destroyed landmarks, making it doubly difficult to search places where houses once stood.

Hundreds of refugees, rescuers and aid workers took a break Sunday to watch the Manny Pacquiao-Juan Manuel

Quoted

"We have declared them missing. Maybe they are still alive."

Benito Ramos, civil defence chief, on whether missing fishermen are still alive.

Marquez fight on a big TV screen, only to be dismayed by their hero's sixth-round knockout.

Elementary school teacher Constancio Olivar said people fell silent when Pacquiao, a congressman who comes from the southern Philippines where the storm hit, fell heavily to the canvas and remained motionless for some time.

"It was like a double blow for me — this disaster and this defeat," said Olivar, whose house was destroyed in the storm. "We were all crestfallen. Everyone fell silent, stunned. It was like we saw a tsunami."

Nearly 400,000 people, mostly from Compostela Valley and nearby Davao Oriental province, have lost their homes and are crowded inside evacuation centres or staying with relatives.

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Top court asked to decide on releasing the Douglas file

Tommy Douglas.
Should security forever trump our right to see historic documents?

The Supreme Court of Canada is being asked to settle a seven-year battle to lift the shroud of secrecy over a decades-old intelligence dossier on socialist trailblazer Tommy Douglas.

Jim Bronskill, a reporter with The Canadian Press, is seeking leave to appeal the case to the country's highest court. At stake is more than simply gaining access to the intelligence file compiled on Douglas, according to Bronskill's lawyer.

In essence, the top court is being asked to be the final arbiter on whether national security should trump the public's right to see historical documents.

"It is about the balance between history and security and when national security information can and should be withheld," Paul Champ said in an interview. "Our simple position is that infor-



Former Saskatchewan premier, father of medicare and first federal NDP leader Tommy Douglas in Ottawa in 1983. CHRIS SCHWARTZ/THE CANADIAN PRESS

mation that's gathered for intelligence or national security should not be hidden away from Canadians for all time." So far only about 700 pages of the 1,142 page file have been made public, many heavily censored.

The Mounties spied on

Douglas from the late 1930s to shortly before his death in 1986.

They attended his speeches and protests, analysed his writings, infiltrated private meetings and eavesdropped on conversations.

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Just monkeying around. Stylish primate charms Toronto Ikea shoppers

Even primates can't seem to resist a good bargain.

A Toronto Ikea store attracted an unusual customer Sunday afternoon, when a tiny rhesus macaque monkey dressed in a fitted faux shearling coat and diapers appeared in the store's upper

parking garage around 2 p.m. "It was just running around screaming," said shopper Bronwyn Page. Security guards at the Ikea near Leslie Street and Highway 401 eventually cornered the animal.

The monkey never made it into the store. The owner



Twitter pic of the monkey at a Toronto Ikea on Sunday. TWITTER

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International pressure

North Korea may stall rocket launch

North Korea may postpone the controversial launch of a long-range rocket that had been slated for liftoff as early as this week, state media said Sunday, as international pressure on Pyongyang to cancel the provocative move intensified.

It was unclear whether diplomatic intervention or technical glitches were

behind the delay. A brief KCNA dispatch said scientists and technicians were discussing whether to set new launch dates, but did not elaborate.

North Korea announced earlier this month that it would launch a three-stage rocket mounted with a satellite from its Sohae station southeast of Sinuiju sometime between Dec. 10 and Dec. 22. Pyongyang calls it a peaceful bid to send an observational satellite into space, its second attempt this year. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Statehood fallout

Abbas appeals to allies for bailout

The Palestinian president is urging Arab nations to provide major financial assistance to cover a new monthly \$100 million budgetary shortfall after U.N. recognition of Palestinian claims to statehood — the result of a punitive Israeli measure.

The appeal by Mahmoud Abbas reflects the severe financial fallout from last month's landmark vote in

the U.N. and a fresh push by Palestinians to take advantage of the international momentum to rally Arab backing for peace talks and possible concessions by Israel.

Israel halted the tax transfer funds — customs duties collected on behalf of Palestinians — after last month's U.N. vote to recognize a Palestinian state in the West Bank, east Jerusalem and Gaza Strip; territories captured by Israel in the 1967 Mideast war.

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Referendum protests continue to escalate in Egypt



A protester jumps as Egyptian army soldiers stand guard in front of the presidential palace in Cairo. Sunday. HASSAN AMMAR/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Divided country.

As a concession to his opponents, he rescinded decrees he issued last month granting him almost unrestricted powers, giving himself and the panel that drafted the constitution immunity from judicial oversight.

The decrees sparked mass protests. Supporters said they were issued initially to protect the disputed constitution from numerous court challenges.

Rushing the approval of the constitution in a late-night session in the panel further inflamed those who claim Morsi and his Islamist allies, including the Muslim Brotherhood, are monopolizing power and trying to force their agenda into practice.

The opposition sent hundreds of thousands of protesters into the streets in unprecedented mass rallies for the largely secular groups, which led the popular uprising last year that toppled President Hosni Mubarak. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

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Egypt's opposition said Sunday it will keep up protests against a referendum on a disputed draft constitution, but stopped short of advocating either a boycott or a "no" vote less than a week before the ballot.

The opposition was still pushing for Islamist President Mohammed Morsi to cancel the Dec. 15 referendum, saying they reject the process entirely and refuse to call it legitimate.

The referendum over a disputed draft constitution has deeply polarized Egypt and sparked some of the bloodiest clashes between Morsi supporters and opponents since he came to power in June.

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DJs Mel Grieg and Michael Christian, who apologized for the prank on Tuesday, took down their Twitter accounts after they were bombarded by abusive comments. Rhys Holleran, CEO of Southern Cross Austereo seen here speaking to media in Melbourne Saturday, said the pair have been offered counselling and are off the air indefinitely. GETTY IMAGES

London police consider probe of radio station

Royal hoax fallout. DJs taken off the air indefinitely following death of nurse who took their prank call

The reverberations from the death of a nurse who accepted a hoax phone call about the ill Duchess of Cambridge spread through two countries Sunday, as Australian authorities said London police had contacted them about a possible investigation.

The Australian radio station behind the call also announced an immediate review of its broadcast prac-

Thrives on controversy

2DayFM radio station has a history of controversy.

- It once aired a segment in which a 14-year-old girl revealed that she had been raped.
- It also ran Heartless Hotline shows in which disadvantaged people were offered a prize that could be taken away from them by listeners.

tices after the debacle, which began with a prank call made Tuesday to the hospital where

the former Kate Middleton was being treated for acute morning sickness.

The controversial prank took a dark twist three days later with the death of nurse Jacintha Saldanha, a 46-year-old mother of two, who was duped by the DJs despite their Australian accents. The death has sparked an angry backlash against the two DJs.

After an emergency meeting Sunday, Max Moore-Wilton, chairman of Southern Cross Austereo which owns the 2DayFM radio station, said in a letter to the hospital's chairman that the company will co-operate with any investigation.

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Child pornography

Arrests in Spain linked to Toronto

Spanish police have arrested 28 people and charged 10 others in connection with an international child pornography network allegedly headquartered in Toronto.

DVDs sold through the network via three websites have been distributed to 94 countries, the Spanish Ministry of the Interior said. It said Interpol passed on information from Toronto police about a network selling child pornography videos based in Toronto that had been in operation since 2004.

TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Balkans. Blizzards leave 6 dead, chaos on roads

Freezing temperatures and heavy snowfall have killed at least six people and caused travel chaos across the Balkans, with rescue teams struggling to reach passengers stranded in buses and cars in Serbia on Sunday. Officials said four people died in Croatia and two in Serbia.

A woman gave birth to a baby in a stranded truck on her way to a hospital, and named her Snezana, or "Snow White" in Serbian.

By late afternoon, 660 people, including 30 children, were evacuated from stranded vehicles, and army tanks were used to remove heavy trucks that skidded



A woman waits at a bus stop in Belgrade, Serbia, Sunday as freezing temperatures and heavy snowfall caused chaos across the Balkans. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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War tribunal accuses Economist of hacking

Bangladesh. Inquiry asks news magazine to explain how it got hold of judge's emails and Skype discussions

A Bangladesh war crimes tribunal has accused the British magazine *The Economist* of hacking the computer of its presiding judge to record conversations and read emails he exchanged with a lawyer.

The magazine did not directly

address the charges, but said it was in possession of conversations and documents that raised serious questions about the workings of the tribunal.

The tribunal is trying 10 opposition politicians on charges of arson, rape and other atrocities committed during the country's 1971 war of independence from Pakistan.

Bangladesh says that during the war, Pakistani troops, aided by their local collaborators, killed three million people and raped about 200,000 women.

In an order passed last week, the tribunal accused *The Economist* of computer hacking and asked it to explain how it got emails and heard Skype conversations between Presiding Judge Mohammed Nizamul Huq and Ahmed Ziauddin, a lawyer of Bangladeshi origin living in Brussels, Belgium.

In an article published Saturday, *The Economist* said it has heard 17 hours of recorded telephone conversations and seen over 230 emails between Huq and Ziauddin.

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Paying a visit to McAfee

Software company founder John McAfee's girlfriend Sam leaves the detention immigration centre where he is being held in Guatemala City on Sunday. McAfee, who fled Belize, was denied political asylum in Guatemala on Thursday and police in Belize said they expected him to be flown back soon for questioning about the killing of a fellow American expatriate. MOISES CASTILLO/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Wireless code of conduct

CRTC gets earful about 36-month cell contracts

Three-year contracts from cellphone companies should be banned, Canada's telecom regulator has been told in submissions to an online consultation.

Hundreds of people submitted their opinions to the Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission about a proposed code of conduct for the country's wireless industry. The overwhelming majority who wrote to the CRTC over the two-week online consultation period voiced concerns about being "held hostage" by 36-month contracts.

"Get rid of the 36 months contract!!!" said one person on the CRTC's online forum. "It first started with 12 months, then 24 months, now the standard is 36 months, which is ridiculous!"

Another person wrote: "CRTC, please get rid of the 3 year contract. Canada will love you for this." Those submitting opinions and suggestions to the forum were not required to post their names. The first round of consultations also heard several complaints about a lack of competition in the industry. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Obama, Boehner hold discussions about 'fiscal cliff'

U.S. President Barack Obama and Republican House Speaker John Boehner met Sunday at the White House to discuss the ongoing negotiations to avert the impending "fiscal cliff," as a growing number of Republicans in Congress appear to be moving toward acceptance of Obama's demand that tax rates go up on the wealthy.

It was the first meeting between just the two leaders since Nov. 6. The meeting comes as the White House and Congress try to break an impasse over finding a way to stop a combination of automatic tax increases and spending cuts scheduled to kick in at the beginning of next year.

Obama has been pushing higher tax rates on the wealthiest Americans as one way to reduce the deficit, a position Boehner and other House Republicans have been steadfastly against. One GOP senator said Sunday that Senate Republicans would probably agree to higher tax rates on the wealthiest Americans if it meant getting to overhaul entitlement programs like Medicare and Social Security. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Mail, parcel volumes to hit holiday peak this week

If you were thinking this is the week to finally mail out your Christmas cards or make a gift purchase online, you're not alone.

Canada Post expects Thursday will be its busiest day of the year. And FedEx is targeting Monday globally as its highest-volume day of 2012.

Canada Post estimates the holiday rush will see it deliver about one billion cards, letters and packages.

Northwest of downtown Toronto, at the post office's largest parcel processing plant, workers are lining conveyor belts around the clock to handle the non-stop flood of holiday packages.

"In a daily basis at this time of year we're handling about 550,000 pieces a day, as we approach closer to Christmas we expect to be 700,000 pieces or more," said Randy Carroll, director of the plant's operations.

"In this facility itself we process at the rate of well over 40,000 pieces an hour."

While the bulk of Christmas mail will be flooding the system this week, there will be plenty more pouring in next week, he adds.

"We will see customers switch to (Xpresspost and priority courier service) and mail heavily all the way up to the 22nd of December," he says. THE CANADIAN PRESS



A package is pulled from a conveyor to be loaded into a freight container for dispatch at a FedEx facility in Toronto on Dec. 5. FedEx predicts that, globally, Monday will be its highest-volume day of 2012. CHRIS YOUNG/THE CANADIAN PRESS



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EDMONTON — THE CITY OF BRANDING INITIATIVES



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Coun. Kerry Diotte posted my column on Edmonton's proposed branding initiative on his Facebook page and created a little brouhaha — emphasis on the little.

Some people took umbrage with what Diotte and I had to say. One person suggested that anything printed in a free publication such as Metro should never be referenced. Interesting statement given it was posted on a free social media site that often has comments from people with opinions about everything and ideas about nothing.

Branding isn't cheap

My concern with the branding exercise is this: it has the same approach as other initiatives of this type that have achieved little.

Another comment suggested I don't understand branding. Apparently 35 years as a communicator and experience in strategic communications, branding, marketing and public engagement doesn't count.

My concern with the branding exercise is this: it has the same approach as other initiatives of this type that have achieved little.

Look at this description of what the more than \$3 million we have put into Edmonton Stories is intended to do. "Research ... has shown us that the Edmonton experience IS what people look for and value in a place to live or visit. Our city is ranked high in terms of the key attributes people look for when considering the ideal place to live or visit. Moreover, awareness of Edmonton is low in national markets, but the experience of Edmonton is highly valued by the people who live here. To build awareness we're going to uncover the essence of Edmonton through the experience of Edmontonians."

Now take a look at the description of what the branding initiative is intended to do. "The task force will undertake extensive consultation in 2013 to learn more about what makes Edmontonians proud of their city. This will be used as the basis for an external marketing strategy and inspire citizens to more actively share and express their love of their city." Is it only me who thinks those two statements sound alike?

What about this statement from the Edmonton Winter Strategy: "It's about taking advantage of our northernness; transforming Edmonton into a more inviting, vibrant and prosperous place for residents, business, industry and tourists throughout the winter months. This requires a cultural shift; changing how we think and talk about, and deal with winter." You paid for those words as well.

We could brand Edmonton as the City of Initiatives. When it comes to getting the city to pony up for citizen engagement twaddle, P.T. Barnum was right — there is a sucker born every minute.

Facing extinction

Partridges in pear trees tough to find in Britain these days

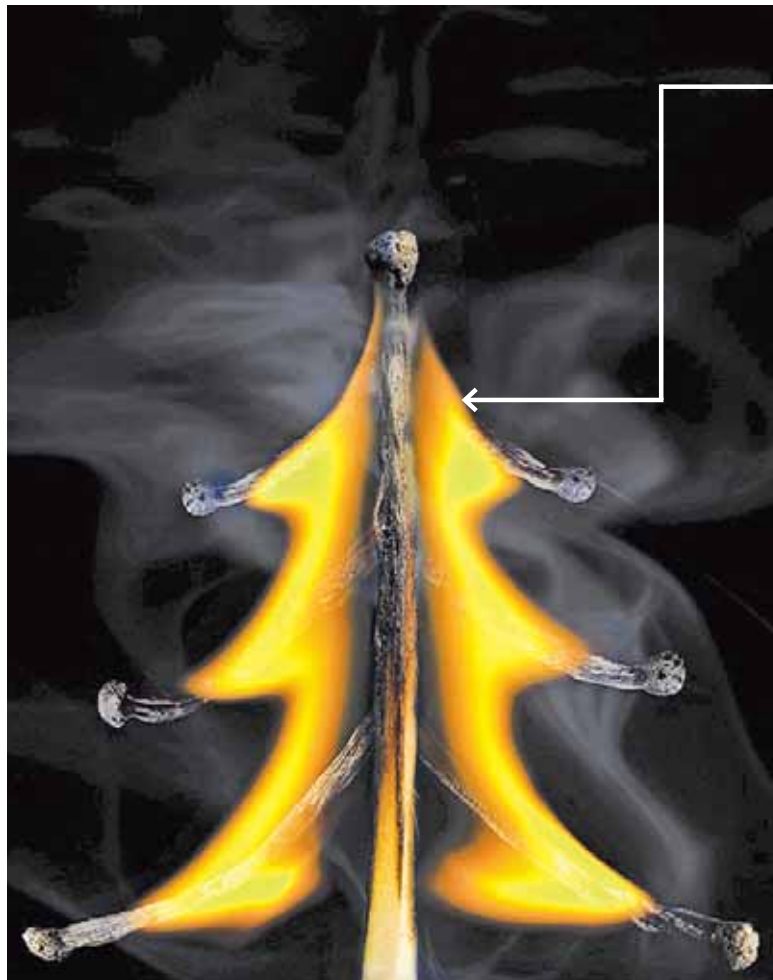
Britain's Royal Society for Protection of Birds says the two icons of the Twelve Days of Christmas — grey partridges and turtledoves — are in alarming decline. It said authorities should act to prevent them from becoming just distant memories within the famed Christmas song.

The society says the number of partridges have dropped 30 per cent. Turtledoves are even worse off — with a 60 per cent decline in numbers. The society warns, at this rate, the dove will face extinction by the middle of the next decade.

Society spokesman Grahame Madge said that budget cuts by the British government and the European Union threaten farm programs that support wildlife like the birds.

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The Christmas tree is on fire!



STANISLAV ARISTOV/REX FEATURES

Match art photography

This art is literally smoking hot

Some bright spark has set the art world alight and created this festive image using spent matches and fire.

Stanislav Aristov, 30, makes miniature sculptures like this one by bending the matches into the desired shape while they are burning and then, using a macro lens and studio flash, he takes the photograph.

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Artist's viewpoint



"There is burnt for the past, the smoke of memories left and the untouched part of the match the future. The fire is the life."

Stanislav Aristov, 30, IT specialist and part-time artist from Ekaterinburg, Russia

Accidental beginnings

How he had his eureka moment

Like many ingenious creations, Aristov's art came about by accident. Unable to come up with an idea, Aristov struck a match before noticing the incredible patterns formed in the carbon of the used wood — and so match art was born.

"It was while I was watching the match trying to think of something that I began to think of how it represents life," Aristov said.

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Characteristics

Art produces 'very freakish forms'

For Aristov, the key characteristic of his match art is its unexpected shapes and composition, despite its use of a rather ordinary

object.

"Matches, of course, are quite a usual object, but it turned out (they) can be presented in very unusual ways," the artist said.

"Fire, as well as smoke, sometimes swirls in very freakish forms, which bring very interesting associations." METRO

Match art in numbers

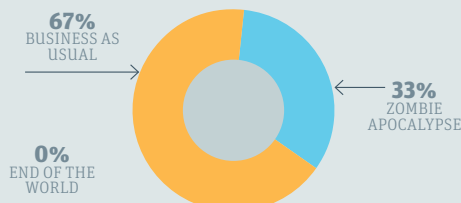
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is the amount of camera shots Aristov sometimes requires in order to capture the perfect match art composition. Aristov's amazing images include a smoky butterfly, a dangling spider, crawling lizard and a burning heart.



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Fewer members presents fewer problems for rising Japandroids

Celebration Rock.

Electronic duo trying to adapt to playing bigger venues after successful new album

LUKE O'NEIL

Metro World News in Boston

There's no question that electronic dance music has been the primary driving force in music for the past few years.

We would never be so misguided to set up some sort of oppositional binary between DJ culture and traditional rock music (because obviously both can exist peacefully). But if we had to, there's no question which band would go as the first pick in our hypothetical fantasy music draft: Japandroids.

The sound on their acclaimed second record, *Celebration Rock*, is the Platonic ideal of shouted basement-show punk vehemence, best exemplified by song-of-the-year candidate, *The House That Heaven Built*.

The Vancouver band's success has found them graduating from the smaller clubs from which their stage-dives and bro-hugs aesthetic was born into much larger rooms, on an exhaustive tour that will bring them for the first time to Australia, Korea and, of course, Japan.

"I feel like we live on the road," drummer and vocalist Dave Prowse says from Tampa, Fla.

"We just tend to tour pretty hard, and not really take a lot of breaks. ... I think because we were kind



Japandroids Dave Prowse and Brian King. HANDOUT

of a struggling local band for two years, as soon as we got the opportunity to tour and see a lot of places, we had a hard time saying no to anything."

In the early days, working as a duo made that sort of schedule a lot more feasible, he says.

"When we first started, it was us in a Ford explorer. It was a lot easier to make that work with two people.

For a variety of reasons, being a two-piece makes logistics easier. Obviously the money, and the fact that there's only one other person you have to come to an agreement with. In a six-piece, it's probably harder to convince six people to go on (the road for two years."

That doesn't mean that he and guitarist Brian King don't still have their share of disagreements, but hav-

ing known each other for so long, Prowse says, they're on the same page about most things.

"The thing about being in a two-piece, you can't put anything to a vote, so if you disagree about something, you just have to figure it out. We have pretty similar ideas about lots of kind of trickier situations that bands have to make, with respect to things like

licensing music for advertisements or something like that, which is a big thing for a lot of bands. But neither of us are interested in doing that, so it's easy to say no to that. ... Obviously, there are certain moments where we disagree, (but it's) usually about small stuff rather than big stuff, which is probably the reason we're still a band after seven years."

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Titus Andronicus back Local Business

Latest record. With a lean, mean new album, Jersey punk band are bringing listeners up to speed while fighting negativity

PAT HEALY
Metro World News in Boston

With the first words that Patrick Stickles sings on Local Business, the recently released third album by Titus Andronicus, it would seem that the album would be over before it's even started.

"OK, I think by now we've established everything is inherently worthless," sings Stickles on opening track, Ecce Homo, before concluding, "there's nothing in the universe with any kind of objective purpose."

But the singer says this opening salvo is not as defeatist as it reads on paper, and

that it's more about updating listeners just joining the program.

"I thought it would be a good way to start our discussion, and it was kind of a point that we belabored quite a lot in the first two records," says Stickles, "so you just get everybody up to speed and go on from there."

And where exactly can it go from there?

"Hopefully by the end, the hopeful element of it is a little more explicit," says Stickles, "in that in the void of meaning we are empowered to create meaning."

It seems that Titus have created a lot of meaning with Local Business. The production is leaner and meaner and the lyrical content is more introspective than their last effort. This second feat was almost inevitable though, as Titus' 2010 album, The Monitor, was mostly about the Civil War. Local Business is also the band's first

Hair today, gone tomorrow

• **Beard issue.** When Titus began rising to popularity, one of the visual elements that stood out most was Patrick Stickles' big, bushy beard. He shaved it after the tour for The Monitor, and he says he doesn't miss it. "I just was sick of it. I wanted to move on, live a life without it," he says. "Now I talk about it more, go figure."

album where the lineup that recorded the songs is the same lineup that has been touring to support it. For the most part, Titus has been made up of Stickles, drummer Eric Harm and a revolving door of other players. Does Stickles feel like this lineup will be the one that's finally in it for the long haul?

"I felt that about all the bands, but it hasn't panned out like that," he says, almost cautiously. "But so far this one is going good."



Titus Andronicus' new album is called Local Business. PHOTO: KYLE DEAN REINFORD

Autopsy report error

LAPD apologizes to B.I.G.'s family

Police detectives apologized to the family of Notorious B.I.G. for failing to warn them about the planned release of his autopsy report

more than 15 years after he died in a drive-by shooting, the Los Angeles Police Department said Saturday.

The detectives had intended to notify the rapper's family, but the report was released prematurely "due to an administrative error," the department said in a state-

ment.

"Our detectives personally spoke with the Wallace family (Friday) night, and apologized for not notifying them prior to the release," said Capt. Billy Hayes, who heads LAPD's Robbery-Homicide Division, which is investigating the killing. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

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The Girls universe is expanding — to welcome a whole bunch of new boys

New season. Actress talks about the fervent following the HBO show has developed — and what's in store for next year

Girls co-star Allison Williams isn't surprised when strange women approach her, eager to reveal deeply personal stories.

After all, her HBO show's frank female point of view is full of painfully raw revelations from its four 20-something characters.

It's when men admit to feeling a kinship with the series that the comely brunette can be thrown off-guard — like recently when a Toronto fan displayed an intense affinity for her character's storyline.

"Just last night a guy was talking to me about the fact that he is a 'Charlie' and he's dating a 'Marnie' and he's learned a lot about how he may or may not be appealing or unappealing from watching the show," an incredulous Williams said during a recent visit to Toronto.

"And he made (his girlfriend) watch the show to get her opinion and I was like, 'That's such a Charlie thing to do.' To be like: 'There's a show. I think it's about us. I'd like you to watch it because I think it might explain why you don't like me as much as you should.'"

That Girls has inspired a diverse, fervent following is testament to creator Lena Dunham's

provocative but real characters, says Williams, daughter of NBC news broadcaster Brian Williams.

"People feel very comfortable, they feel very close to us already, and I think it's because the show is so grounded in reality and it feels so accessible in that way. There isn't anything heightened about it, there's nothing make-believe."

The 26-year-old Dunham stars as the oft-misguided (and oft-naked) Hannah, a wannabe writer whose self-absorbed efforts to find a job and a boyfriend invariably lead to disastrously embarrassing results.

Jemima Kirke co-stars as the free-spirited Jessa while Zosia Mamet is the "virginy" Shoshanna. Williams' seemingly poised Marnie appeared to be the most put-together of the group, but began revealing some cracks towards the end of the first season.

"It's definitely a crossroads, it's definitely a moment of transition," Williams says as the series prepares to return with 10 more episodes in January.

"If the first season was about getting to know the girls and getting to know their world, the second season is about taking them out of their element, out of their comfort zone and really getting to know them on an individual basis a little bit deeper. And in Marnie's case particularly, getting to know her when the odds are kind of stacked against her."

In Season 1, Marnie had a job, lived with her best friend from college and had a loving boyfriend.



Girls will be girls, with a whole lot of challenges in the next season of Girls. DAVE ALLOCCA/THE CANADIAN PRESS

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"None of those things are true in Season 2," Williams says.

"And that was really fun for me, because I've always thought she was more than just a gallery girl with a (best) friend who lives in an apartment. She feels very real to me and three-dimensional and you get to see her really be tested in the second season."

Williams says she's sworn to secrecy on most upcoming story details, but notes Hannah now lives with her gay ex-boyfriend Elijah while Marnie lives with Shoshanna.

Rita Wilson pops up in the first episode to play Marnie's mom and chances are good that sexy artist Booth Jonathan returns to tempt Marnie yet again. It also appears that the

DVD

Girls: The Complete First Season, comes out on Blu-ray and DVD on Tuesday — well-timed to gear fans up for the Season 2 debut on HBO Canada on Jan. 13.

Girls universe is expanding with burgeoning boy characters — there's the Shoshanna-obsessed Ray (Alex Karpovskiy), the snarky Elijah (The New Normal's Andrew Rannells) and Hannah's quasi-boyfriend Adam (Adam Driver). Meanwhile, Jessa is now married to middle-aged businessman Thomas-John (Bridesmaids's Chris O'Dowd).

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Paris: The place where Oscar films are made

Filmmakers take note. Forget Bucharest or Bratislava, setting your story in the City of Lights is still a surefire way to grab the Academy's attention

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Sure, weighty subject matter, literary pretension and a heavy hitter cast list can help to tip the scales in the right direction, but a real tell in the past 20 years bien sûr is the Academy's enduring love affair with the City of Lights. The allure of the world's most romantic cosmopolitan playground adds a certain ooh la la factor to films that is unequaled by any other

European setting.

This destination bias toward films set in Paris is why Les Misérables (out Christmas day) is a surefire Oscar contender. The grandiloquent musical centering around Jean Valjean, a parole-breaking loaf thief on a redemptive quest, tugs at the heartstrings and even those who fail to get enveloped in the emotional rollercoaster cannot help but hum along to the charming choruses. Can't you just hear the critics toe tapping along to a rousing rendition of Do You Hear the People Sing? while tears stream down their cheeks by the second time "...when the beating of your heart echoes the beating of the drums" comes around.

Before you pshaw at the sentiment-stoking power that causes seasoned film goers to well up when they catch a mere glimpse of the Champs-Élysées or the river Seine, let's exam-

ine Woody Allen's Midnight in Paris. The entire movie plays out like a walking tour of the city.

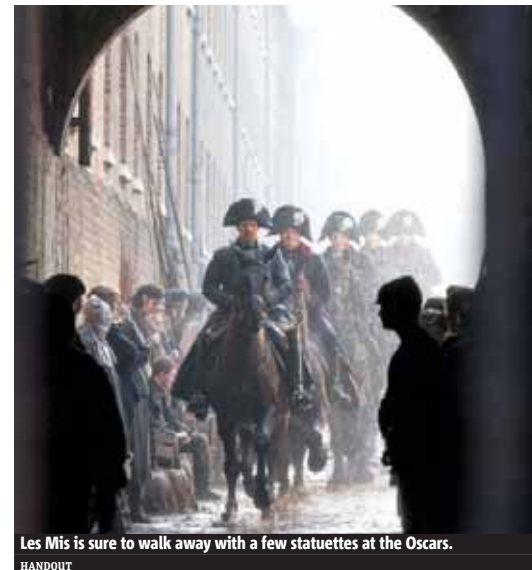
Owen Wilson and his mish-pokhe lodge at the five-star Hotel Le Bristol on the Rue du Faubourg-Saint-Honoré and patronize a gaggle of mainline tourist attractions from Monet's garden to Rodin's thinker statue where France's then first lady, the ravishingly beautiful Carla Bruni-Sarkozy, turns up for a cameo as a museum tour guide. Table time is logged at famed eateries including the Crêmerie-Restaurant Polidor, the brasserie where Wilson picks Ernest Hemingway's brain. Despite doubling as a two-hour advertisement for Paris' Convention and Visitors Bureau, the film's warm embrace of the romantic city of cute berets and crisp baguettes led to a quartet of Oscar nominations and a Woody win for

best original screenplay.

Setting an identically plotted film in Bucharest or Bratislava instead might have intrigued certain cineastes, but the unfamiliarity might have engendered indifference in the hearts and minds of members of the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences when it came time to punch their ballots.

Imagine for a second if Moulin Rouge was set in a nightclub in 19th century Paris, Texas and the hit song that emerged from the movie featured the far less insouciant "lovely lady, lay with me tonight," lyric in lieu of "voulez vous couchez avec moi ce soir?" Those eight Oscar nominations would go poof.

Amélie, lavished with five Oscar nominations, is another flick where the setting overwhelms the senses, making viewers misty with Parisian wanderlust.



Les Mis is sure to walk away with a few statuettes at the Oscars.

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Star of Entourage and 'desirable woman' Chriqui talks likes, dislikes

Canadian. Movie and TV star, activist and spokesperson — but what talent does she wish she could have?

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Emmanuelle Chriqui is the Montreal-born, Toronto-raised star of *Entourage* and *You Don't Mess with the Zohan*.

She is currently working on several films between recurring episodes of *The Mentalist*, and the former AskMen.com's "most desirable woman" is now the face of natural cosmetics brand, Mineral Fusion. Chriqui lends her time to Raise Hope for Congo, is an activist with the Environmental Media Association and is the spokesperson for Colon Cancer Canada, but she took a few moments to meet with

her (third) favourite writer:

What is your idea of perfect happiness?

Waking with an absolute sense of peace. Grounded, and ready to embrace the day without fear.

What is your greatest extravagance?

A 90 minute massage every day. I don't actually get it, but I would if I could.

What do you consider the most overrated virtue?

Saving yourself for marriage.

What do you dislike most about your appearance?

More than one thing, but I would have to say my legs. It's like my upper and lower body belong to two different people, and no matter what I do, they don't seem balanced.

Which talent would you most like to have?

I wish I could sing like an



Emmanuelle Chriqui HANDOUT

R&B diva and play the guitar like Jimmy Hendrix.

What is your most treasured possession?

My father's ring. I can still see his hands.

Now I wear it on a chain around my neck.

What is the quality you most like in a man?

A few things: Confidence without cockiness, a good sense of humour and thoughtfulness.

What is the quality you most like in a woman?

I love a woman that is empowered and in tune with her goddess energy. I find that inspiring.

What do you most value in your friends?

Unconditional love and loyalty. My friends accept that we have different lives, but they don't judge and defend me when someone does.

I try to do the same for them.

Who are your favourite writers?

After Mike Benhaim? Hah! The author who's had the most profound effect on me is probably Paulo Coelho, but I also really enjoy Khaled Hosseini.

He wrote *The Kite Runner* and *1000 Splendid Suns*. Such a powerful storyteller.

Who are your heroes in real life?

That's easy. My dad has always been my hero. He

taught me all of life's lessons with his words and actions.

He never complained, greeted the world with a smile and told me to live life fully and unapologetically. The most important qualities I possess, I owe to him.

What is it that you most dislike?

People whose fears keep them from venturing forward and living the life that they are meant to. It's a waste of a precious existence.

What do you consider your greatest achievement?

Wow. There was a time after my mom died, when as a teenager, I could have gone down a darker path.

Instead, I managed to immerse myself in creative energy and stick to somewhat higher ground.

I am proud of how far I've come and how I am perceived by those who know me.



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Taylor Swift

Life in the Swift lane: Songstress opens up about her love life

Taylor Swift's romantic history is well-documented, but the singer admits she's no pro on the subject. Swift's blind spot is "how to make them last," she admits to the British edition of Cosmopolitan magazine. "I've never had a really long relationship, so I have no idea what that's like," she says. "Wish me luck in the future!" Or the present,

Quoted

"I've never had a really long relationship, so I have no idea what that's like."

Taylor Swift

as Swift appears to be getting serious with One Direction member Harry Styles.

Jumanji on the loose again

Children of the '90s, prepare to get more excited than is acceptable while reading a gossip page: Jumanji — the Robin Williams classic in which a jungle board game comes to life — is getting a reboot. Zach Helm has signed on to write the re-

make, which will get "an update for the present," according to the Hollywood Reporter. We fear this means the kids get iPhones and anxiety complexes. But for now, let's assume it means wild corgis in designer safari hats.

METRO DISH

OUR TAKE ON THE WORLD OF CELEBRITIES

The Word



Lindsay Lohan in the holiday spirit — and wanted too!



THE WORD
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Lindsay Lohan, bless her crazy little heart, is getting into the holiday spirit and playing Gossip Santa. Let's review her weekend, shall we?

On Friday, Linds was all smiles in the front row at New York City's Jingle Ball concert during The Wanted's performance. She's rumoured to be dating a member of the boy band, Max George, who more or less confirmed some aspect of some relationship: "We can stay out of trouble and keep her out of trouble," he tells PerezHilton.com. "She can party just as hard as us. She's a great girl."

All "great girl" comments aside, we've endorsed fibre breakfast bars more enthusiastically than that. And it seems like Lohan might be less happy than she's letting on for the cameras — from what Metro heard at the Jingle Ball, she was allegedly seen crying in a bathroom backstage. (Then again, who doesn't have a good cry at their boyfriend's holiday party?)

Not to pile it on, but yesterday TMZ reported that Lohan's finances are in such bad shape that she's struggling to pay the rent on her \$8,000-per-month Beverly Hills mansion. Ever since the IRS seized her bank accounts, she's reportedly been hitting up friends for money.

Santa Lohan, at the risk of being greedy, we'd like to submit our Christmas list: One Aniston pregnancy announcement, one Jolie spite pregnancy announcement, two John Stamos rom coms and the Easy-Bake Ultimate Oven.



Megan Fox and Brian Austin Green ALL PHOTOS GETTY IMAGES

Fox and Austin Green adapt to growing family

Megan Fox and husband Brian Austin Green are thrilled about the arrival of their two-month-old son, Noah, but not everyone in the household is so enthusiastic. "Kash is a little indiffer-

ent," Fox tells the Daily Mirror about her 10-year-old stepson, Kassius. "He's not experiencing any sort of jealousy or competitiveness, but he's not excited because he just wants to play video games."

Twitter



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Thanks for all the marriage proposals x



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So I'm a b— today.. what's wrong with being a b— ?? It's not like I've stabbed anyone in their Money-maker.....yet



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Royal baby makes three

Kate and Will. With the Internet buzzing about the Duchess of Cambridge's pregnancy, Metro's family columnist weighs in



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The announcement that royal couple Catherine and William are expecting their first child has many speculating how this baby and his or her famous parents will cope.

It can be hard for a normal, common family to adjust to family life. There are a few differences that spring immediately to mind when one thinks of a royal.

Like most new moms, much of Kate's hair will likely fall out during her first few postpartum months. However, unlike most new moms, she could potentially finance a small country with the money she would make by selling it on eBay.

Kate will have to decide what name goes best with the surname Wales.

Sadly, the name Hash-tag has already been taken. Luckily, AtSign, Double-BackSlash and Meme are all still available, should Kate and Will decide that Victoria, Elizabeth, George and Edward are too stuffy and old school.

Kate will have additional parenting challenges due to the fact that paradoxically her child, by virtue of being third in line for the throne, will technically be the boss of her.



Let the baby bump watch begin. Kate and Will are expecting their first child. ALASTAIR GRANT/ THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Potty training days will bring new meaning to the

term "sitting on the throne." And while most babies

are congratulated for speaking their first word, the first

royal wave will also have to be rejoiced.

Come birthday time, likely Will Jr. asking for a pony will be a little redundant. But planning the party will be easy for Kate's side of the family, and uncle Harry's sure to be entertaining (and hopefully clothed).

For William, "Bring your child to work day," which doesn't typically happen until the child is 14, will need to be pre-planned now due to the security detail involved.

And there's really no point to Baby Wales taking daddy in for Career Day at school, as no other kid in the class will be able to aspire to have the "next in line for the throne" job.

Instead of sitting in line for hours to sign their child up for swimming lessons, Kate and Will will have to spend hours interviewing the royal swim instructor.

Likewise, the royal soccer coach, royal T-ball trainer and royal lice remover will also be interviewed.

Should their child get lice, they can force everyone around them to cut off their hair. This, history tells us, is a vast improvement over ordering a whole head to be cut off.

Good luck to you, Will and Kate. **KATHY BUCKWORTH IS AN AWARD WINNING WRITER. VISIT KATHYBUCKWORTH.COM OR FOLLOW KATHY ON TWITTER @KATHYBUCKWORTH**

The name game

Think you know what Will and Kate should call the future heir to the throne? Let us know at metronews.ca



Jewel on sparkling moments with son

DOROTHY ROBINSON
Metro World News

On top of her professional obligations — she's a co-host and judge on Platinum Hit and the spokeswoman for Pampers Baby Dry diapers — Jewel is also a mom to her 18-month-old son Kase and a wife to Ty Murray, the professional bull rider.

But as you can tell from the following interview, her life is far from a rodeo.

If you could highlight just one beautiful moment with your son, what would it be?
The morning is my favourite

Special times

"One of my favourite morning moments is getting to read with him."

Jewel on sharing mommy-son moments with her 18-month-old son, Kase.

time with my baby. I thought it was just me and Kase.

I just thought, "Wow, Kase is always in a great mood in the morning."

Then I talked to other moms and realized it's everyone's favourite time with their baby.

It's something kind of

magical — they are just in a good mood and it's just fun to hang out with them.

One of my favourite morning moments is getting to read with him.

Speaking of books, can you tell us a little bit about yours?

I wrote That's What I'd Do for Kase while I was still pregnant.

I had written a children's record for him, too, called The Merry Goes 'Round, full of little things I wanted to teach him.

I try to use imaginative metaphors to show him all the ways I love him.



Jewel. GETTY IMAGES

Let it snow...

The Weather Network calls for snow, which means Mommy has to wrestle you into multiple layers, including an embarrassing reindeer sweater, or go stir crazy while hibernating inside. Follow along with the comedic (mis)adventures of mommyhood online with Reasons Mommy Drinks at metronews.ca/voices



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Cash in on these hot career choices: Advice that you can take to the bank

Six for success. The working world is rough right now, but there are fields that can fill your wallet

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Looking to make a lot of money fast? There are some jobs where the sky is the limit for income, says financial expert Lesley Scorgie.

Scorgie is the author of two books: *Rich by Thirty: A Young Adult's Guide to Financial Success*, and *Rich by Forty: A Young Couple's Guide to Building Net Worth*. Check out her list of moolamaking jobs:

Commercial sales rep

A commercial sales representative is someone who sells a product or service for a company.



Research budding industry and become a part of it. Check! ISTOCK

There are commercial sales reps in many different industries and the most lucrative include health care (pharmaceuticals), real estate and the financial industry (brokers and bankers). "Really, the more you sell, the more you make." In terms of training, many companies will pay for sales training.

Caveat: You've got to have a sales personality, or it will be a flop.

IT services

IT services is a discipline for managing information technology systems.

"Folks are redesigning systems to control financial activities. Governance and

management of those systems is turning into lucrative business."

Caveat: These positions are about rebuilding ineffective systems.

Upstart entrepreneur

High risk entrepreneurial ideas that capture trends in

some way can be quite lucrative, quite quickly, says Scorgie. "We see lots of examples in the gaming and APP development world right now."

Caveat: The key is captivating the hearts of people so the product becomes a smash hit.

Oil and gas industry job

This is a broad category with a technical side (engineering, geophysics, geology, etc.) and a business development side (where you would find new opportunities for the sector. Water and sustainability initiatives are popular right now). "These positions are generally higher incomes to start, and you progress quickly."

Caveat: People make money when times are good, so it's important to make sure there are benefit plans that include long-term incentives.

Agent

An agent is someone who is authorized to represent an

other individual (an entertainer or baseball player, for example) who usually makes a lot of money themselves.

The job entails negotiating contracts and terms, and having contacts in the industry.

Caveat: Financial success is usually tied into the sales side of things.

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Name: Dr. Jonathan DellaVedova
City: Hamilton, ON
Age: 28
Occupation: Doctor specializing in pediatric medicine



THE IN-CREDIBILITY FACTOR
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Dr. DellaVedova (or Dr. DVD as he's referred to by his young patients) always thought he'd be a teacher. On a whim he applied to medical school and has not looked back since. He is currently in his fourth and final year of residency in general pediatrics at McMaster Children's Hospital in Hamilton. In the summer of 2013, he will return to his home town of Sault St. Marie, where he has accepted a job as a community pediatrician.

I knew I was on my way when ... I attended my first delivery of a baby. I was a first year medical student and I was working with an obstetrician that was a total grouch. He let me catch the baby even though I had no clue what I was doing.



Dr. DellaVedova. PROVIDED

When that baby cried, I was so over the moon and I think I was more excited than the actual parents. I was so grateful to the doctor and the parents for letting me be a part of that moment. That's the feeling I try to remember when I get woken up a dozen times a night to attend deliveries and bring a new life into the world.

Do it for yourself, but do it for them, too
There's an enormous amount of commitment and effort that goes into

medical training, but you can't get to the first day of medical school or the last day of residency alone. Your family raised you, your teachers taught you, your friends and your partner supported you on the days you were so overwhelmed and sleep deprived that you wanted to quit. The people in your life invest in you because they want to see you succeed, so make it happen.

Pay it forward

The more skills and qualifications you get, the more opportunities will pile up and the more you will find yourself saying, 'No'. But never turn down an audience with aspiring young people or an opportunity to teach. Some day they may be your doctor, nurse, mechanic or food safety inspector.

Get a grip

Working with sick children everyday has an incredible way of putting your problems into perspective and reminding you what is important in life. Yes, you will have to work hard, but enjoy every single moment, take nothing for granted and share the love.



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Spice up Santa's cookies with Cinnamon-Honey Oat Drops

Looking for classic, comforting flavours in a chewy, soft cookie? This is it. The recipe takes a basic oat drop-style cookie and adds the comforting, holiday flavours of cinnamon and honey. These cookies beg to go with tea, hot cocoa or even milk left for Santa on Christmas Eve.

1. Heat oven to 350 F. Line 2 baking sheets with parchment paper.

2. In bowl, use electric mixer to beat butter, brown sugar, honey and vanilla. With mixer running, add eggs, one at a time,

Ingredients

- 1 cup (2 sticks) unsalted butter, room temperature
- 1 cup packed brown sugar
- 1/2 cup honey
- 1 tsp vanilla extract
- 4 eggs
- 2 1/4 cups all-purpose flour
- 1 tsp baking soda
- 1/2 tsp salt
- 1 1/2 tsp cinnamon, divided
- 2 1/2 cups old fashioned oats
- 1/4 cup granulated sugar



This recipe makes 36 cookies. MATTHEW MEAD/ THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

scraping the bowl in between additions.

3. Stir in flour, baking soda, salt and 1 teaspoon of the cinnamon. Stir in the oats.

4. Scoop by tablespoonful onto the prepared baking sheets,

leaving 2 inches between each cookie. Using slightly moistened hand, flatten cookies until 1/2 inch thick.

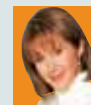
5. In bowl, stir granulated sugar and remaining 1/2 teaspoon of cinnamon. Sprinkle lightly over the top of each cookie.

6. Bake 10 minutes, or until no longer glossy and just starting to turn golden brown at the edges. Let cool on pan 10 minutes, then transfer to a rack to cool. Store in airtight container at room temperature for up to a week.

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Wendy's Caramel Frosty Shake (Large)

1,000 calories / 154 g sugar

This beverage contains three quarters of a woman's daily calories and four times the daily sugar amount.



Equivalent

One large Wendy's caramel Frosty Shake is equivalent in sugar to 12 Boston cream donuts from Tim Hortons. It's close to consuming 40 teaspoons of sugar. The caramel sauce has the excess calories, fat and sugar — not to mention the whipped cream.



Wendy's Vanilla Frosty (Large)

570 calories/ 81 g sugar

Having half the calories makes a better choice, but only once in a while. This is still too many beverage calories to consume.



Unique. Cardamom Chocolate Macadamia Cookies

1. Heat oven to 350 F. Line 2 baking sheets with parchment paper.

2. In bowl, use electric mixer to beat butter, oil, brown sugar, baking soda, salt and cardamom. Add eggs, one at a time, beating between additions.

3. Stir in flour then chocolate chips and macadamia nuts.

Scoop dough by tablespoonful onto prepared baking sheets, leaving 2 inches between cookies. Bake for 10-12 mins., or until light golden brown around edges.

4. Let cool on pan for 10 mins., then transfer to rack to finish cooling. Store in airtight container at room temperature for up to a week. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Ingredients

- 1/2 cup (1 stick) unsalted butter, room temperature
- 1/2 cup canola oil
- 1 1/2 cups brown sugar
- 1/2 tsp baking soda
- 1/2 tsp salt
- 1/2 tsp ground cardamom
- 2 eggs
- 2 3/4 cups all-purpose flour
- 10-oz package mini chocolate chips
- 2 cups chopped toasted macadamia nuts



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Phillies pick up all-star Young

The Philadelphia Phillies have acquired seven-time all-star infielder Michael Young from the Texas Rangers for two relief pitchers.

The deal was announced Sunday, a day after Young agreed to waive his no-trade clause.

The Phillies are sending right-hander Josh Lindblom and minor league righty

Lisalverto Bonilla to the Rangers to get Young, who fills a void at third base.

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Lockout

Hockey talks may resume this week

The NHL and the locked-out players' association are talking again, and a return to the bargaining table could happen soon.

After a few days to cool off following an epic collapse in negotiations, the league and the union have been in touch in an attempt to restart conversations that could save the season.

"Trying to set up something for this week, but nothing finalized yet," NHL deputy commissioner Bill Daly wrote Sunday in an email to The Associated Press.

Negotiations broke down Thursday night after three straight days of talks in New York. Moments after players' association executive director Donald Fehr said he believed the sides were closing in on a deal to end the lockout, he was back at the podium to announce the NHL had rejected the union's latest offer. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Grieving Cowboys gut out close win

NFL. Dallas plays a day after learning one teammate was killed and another arrested following a car crash

Numb. Grieving. Distracted. The Cowboys were all those things on Sunday, dealing with the death of one teammate and the tribulations of another.

Winners, too, though they hardly felt like it.

Dan Bailey kicked a 40-yard field goal as time ran out, sending the Cowboys to a 20-19 victory over the Cincinnati Bengals that ended a tough afternoon with a little bit of relief and their playoff chances enhanced.

Didn't last long, though. There will be a lot more emotional days ahead in Dallas.

"It's a hard, hard situation we're in," quarterback Tony Romo said. "There's no playbook for this sort of thing in life."

The Cowboys overcame a nine-point deficit in the closing minutes behind Romo, who held his hand over his heart during a moment of silence to honour teammate Jerry Brown before the kick-off. The linebacker died in an car accident early Saturday.

Defensive lineman Josh Brent, who was driving, was released from jail in the Dallas suburb of Irving after posting \$500,000 bond Sunday, a day after police say he was drunk and speeding when the vehicle he was driving clipped a curb and flipped.

The Cowboys (7-6) learned about Brown's death on their flight to Cincinnati on Saturday. Coach Jason Garrett told



Dallas Cowboys quarterback Tony Romo leaves the field after the Cowboys defeated the Cincinnati Bengals 20-19 on Sunday in Cincinnati. MICHAEL KEATING/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Quoted

"I don't remember crying this much other than maybe the day I was born."

Dallas Cowboys defensive lineman Marcus Spears on the emotional toll of playing after learning of the death of one teammate and arrest of another following an auto accident.

his team that the best way to honour him was to play well in a game with playoff implications for both teams.

One of the visitors' metal lockers at Paul Brown Stadium had a strip of white athletic tape with "53 JERRY BROWN" attached to the top, a wooden

stool inside sitting upside-down. Brown's No. 53 jersey was on the sideline during the game — defensive tackle Jason Hatcher held it up after Bailey's kick decided it.

It wasn't much of a celebration by an emotionally spent team.

Players couldn't keep the tragedy out of their thoughts during the game, finding their minds wandering on the bench.

Owner Jerry Jones described his team as grieving when it took the field. It was the second consecutive week that an NFL team was playing a day after losing a teammate. Kansas City beat Carolina 27-21 one day after linebacker Jovan Belcher shot his girlfriend at their home before driving to the Chiefs' practice complex and shooting himself.

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Packers pounce on Lions in snowy Green Bay



Mike Daniels of the Green Bay Packers, right, scoops up a fumble and runs for a touchdown as teammate Casey Hayward follows Sunday in Green Bay, Wisc. TOM LYNN/GETTY IMAGES

The Green Bay Packers added even more spice to next weekend's game in Chicago, moving within one win of the NFC North title with their 27-20 victory over the Detroit Lions on Sunday night.

Dajuan Harris rushed for a score in the first NFL game of his career, Aaron Rodgers added the longest TD run of his career and Mike Daniels returned a fumble 43 yards as the Packers (9-4) opened a one-game lead over Chicago. Beat the Bears next weekend at Soldier Field, and Green Bay wins the NFC North for a second straight year.

Calvin Johnson had 118

Week 14

27

Packers

20

Lions

yards receiving to put him over 1,500 for the year, but it wasn't enough to keep the Lions (4-9) from dropping their fifth straight. This was the third straight game they've blown a lead of 10-plus points, tying an NFL record shared by six other teams. After touchdowns on

their first two drives, the Lions could only manage a pair of field goals by Jason Hanson.

The Packers have now won 22 straight at home against the Lions, the longest streak in the NFL.

Green Bay coach Mike McCarthy likes to say that all division games are big, but this one got even bigger when Chicago lost to Minnesota earlier in the day. If the Packers win the division, it would be quite a turnaround from their 2-3 start.

With the winter's first significant storm at Lambeau Field, the Packers finally got in gear on the ground, rushing for 140 yards. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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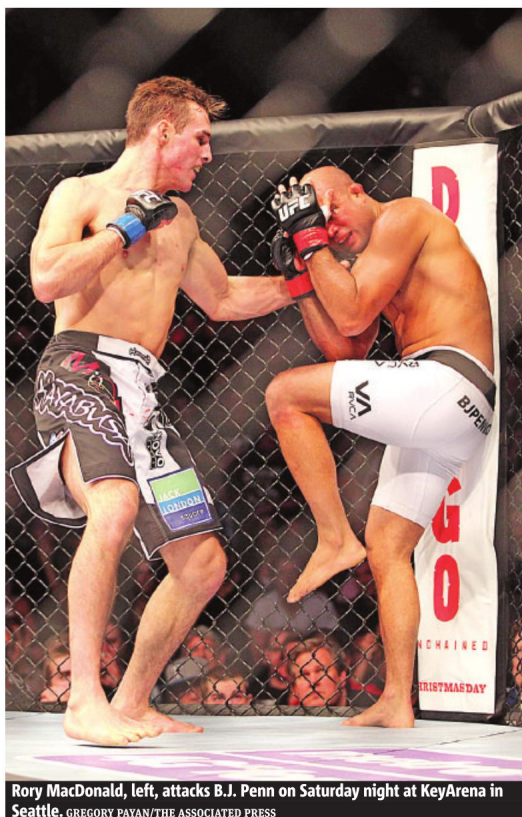
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MacDonald continues climb into UFC's elite



Rory MacDonald, left, attacks B.J. Penn on Saturday night at KeyArena in Seattle. GREGORY PAVAN/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

MMA. Kelowna, B.C., fighter takes another step on UFC mission, leaving a legend in wake

In the second round, Rory MacDonald reared back and buried a punch in B.J. Penn's side — as if looking to embed a treat in a ball of dough.

The 33-year-old Hawaiian grimaced and turned away. For a moment, it seemed like he might call it a night. But Penn kept fighting. And the beating continued.

MacDonald showed his championship credentials in a unanimous (30-26, 30-26, 30-27) decision over Penn, a former lightweight and welterweight title-holder. In so doing, he literally treated the future hall of famer as a punching bag.

Still, the young Canadian rued not stopping Penn earlier.

"It's bittersweet because the job wasn't finished," he said later. "But that's just my outlook to fighting."

MacDonald's approach to mixed martial arts involves hurting people.

"When I look across the Octagon at somebody, it's just another body to me. Legend or not. I'm going in there to hurt

Next up for MacDonald?

Rory MacDonald (14-1) has now won four straight and is 5-1 in the UFC.

- After introducing himself as a title contender Saturday, he now has set his sights next on Carlos Condit, who handed him his only loss in June 2010.

him," the 23-year-old said Saturday night.

Job done, as a battered Penn was sent to hospital afterwards.

"At the end of the day, his main focus in that fight was to damage B.J. Penn," said friend and training partner Mike Ricci.

"He's not there to win rounds. He wins them because he does so much damage. He's not there to play the game and score points and fight these strategic fights."

The fight at Seattle's KeyArena was third on the bill but had a main-event feel.

MacDonald was the villain of the piece, booed as the stone-faced fighter walked to the cage. The catcalls turned to wild cheers as Penn followed.

The atmosphere was electric. The fight that followed was one-sided. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Four to watch in Russia

Injuries and the potential end to the NHL lockout might change a few things, but the depth and talent level of players invited to training camps for the world junior championship is breathtaking. Here's a look at some of the most intriguing players expected to star in Ufa, Russia, when the tournament begins Dec. 26.

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Nail Yakupov, Russia

The No. 1 overall pick of the 2012 draft (to Edmonton) gets a chance to shine on the international stage after starring for his hometown team — Neftekhimik Nizhnekamsk — of the KHL. Through 19 games this season, Yakupov has 10 goals and eight assists.

Ryan Nugent-Hopkins, Canada

If a shoulder injury and the NHL don't get in the way, the No. 1 overall pick of the 2011 draft (to Edmonton) will get a taste of playing against a future teammate. The missing link in his impressive hockey resumé is an appearance at this tournament.

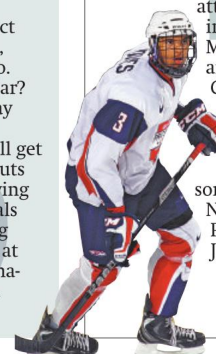


Nathan MacKinnon, Canada

What's this? A product of Cole Harbour, N.S., has a chance to go No. 1 in the draft next year? MacKinnon won't play centre — his natural position — but he will get a chance to show scouts his versatility by playing wing. He had five goals and six assists playing within his age group at the Ivan Hlinka tournament in the summer.

Seth Jones, United States

The Portland Winterhawks blue-liner is another potential first-overall pick in the next NHL draft and will go head-to-head for scouts' attention playing against MacKinnon and Team Canada in the same side of the draw. He's the son of former NBA player Popeye Jones.



Horoscopes

♈ Aries

March 21 - April 20

Stay focused on your long-term ambitions this week. Ignore all those interesting but unproductive activities that eat into your time and energy but bring no return. What is your number one goal? Go straight for it.

♉ Taurus

April 21 - May 21

An upheaval or setback that took place last week may have knocked you out of your stride a bit but you will soon recover. Taurus is a wonderfully resilient sign and you will easily outlast those who oppose you.

♊ Gemini

May 22 - June 21

There is a heightened sense of urgency about your activities now and that's good because a lot will happen over the next few days and you will have to move fast to keep up with events. Better still, get ahead of them.

♋ Cancer

June 22 - July 23

The best way to further your aims is to help partners and colleagues further their own. The more you help other people now the more they will help you later in the week. You can't do it all on your own.

♌ Leo

July 24 - Aug. 23

You need to get serious about certain issues over the next few days. You have been a bit too easygoing of late and some people are beginning to think you cannot be trusted. Go out of your way to prove them wrong.

♍ Virgo

Aug. 24 - Sept. 23

Make sure you get plenty of rest today because you are going to be very busy come Wednesday and Thursday. You don't have to start the week at a run: start slowly and build up to a pace you feel comfortable with.

♏ Libra

Sept. 24 - Oct. 23

The planets want you to go out and have fun. The planets want to see you enjoy yourself. At this time of year the Sun in the daring sign of Sagittarius gives you the perfect excuse — not that you really need one.

♏ Scorpio

Oct. 24 - Nov. 22

Some kind of breakthrough is on the cards for the next few days, most likely of a financial nature. You may have to give up one thing to gain another but on balance you will come out on top in the deal.

♐ Sagittarius

Nov. 23 - Dec. 21

You will get the chance to do something different today, something out of the ordinary and maybe even a bit outrageous. You enjoy seeing how far you can push your luck, so push away.

♑ Capricorn

Dec. 22 - Jan. 20

Make a list of all the things you would like to change in your life, because you will soon get the opportunity to make them happen. Even if you like things pretty much as they are some things can still be better.

♒ Aquarius

Jan. 21 - Feb. 19

What you most need to realize today is that if you think lucky you are more likely to be lucky. That's not new age mumbo-jumbo: like attracts like and a positive attitude really does make good things happen.

♓ Pisces

Feb. 20 - March 20

You may not understand why a friend or family member is behaving the way they are but if you are wise you will let them get on with it. The planets suggest it's no big deal — they're just being a bit "anti". Hopefully, those limitations will have taught you the importance of timing. **SALLY BROMPTON**

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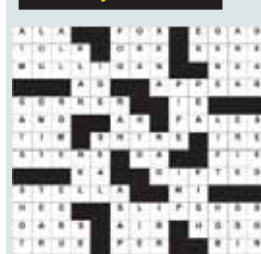
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4. Comic Margaret —
7. The — Fi Channel
10. Vocal
12. Sleep stage (abbr.)
13. Pinto or lima
14. Actress Bonet of The Cosby Show
15. Boxer called "The Greatest"
16. Hard knocks
17. Pretenses
20. — Elsewhere
21. Former talk show host (init.)
22. South Pacific nation
25. Frasier's dog
29. Three, in Rome
30. Egg cells
31. Path
34. Fictional rabbit
36. Compass pt.
37. Dorothy's aunt
38. Reception, e.g.
45. Great review
46. Soak flax
47. Easy gait
49. Enable, as a felon
50. Family card game
51. Dry
52. Heavy weight
53. Magnum, P.I. actor Selleck
54. Medical suffix

Down

1. Sun God
2. Operatic solo
3. Wad
4. Stuff
5. Second Beatles film
6. Leave off
7. Actor Penn
8. Hats
9. — and outs
11. Noose
13. Group of chicks
18. Actress Hagen
19. Fury
22. Take a rest
23. The Fresh Prince of Bel —
24. Soccer great Hamm
26. Speck
27. — Got a Secret

Yesterday's Crossword



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Sudoku

How to play

Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

Yesterday's Sudoku

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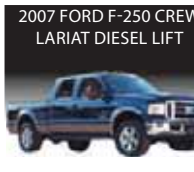
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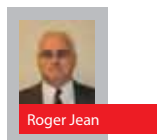
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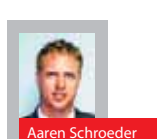
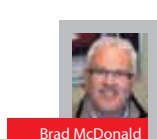
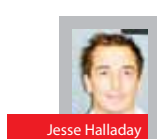


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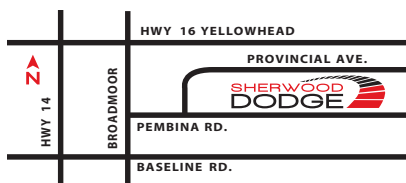
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